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SUBJECT: SALE OF BELL HELICOPTERS TO GOP MINISTRY OF
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REFS: (A) BEWT CASE 068216

(B) LLOYD-MARTIN LETTER 8/17/73

1. BELL HELICOPTER COMPANY HAS RESUBMITTED BEWT CASE
NO. 068216 IN A MODIFIED FORM, I.E. A REQUEST FOR AUTHORI-
ZATION TO SHIP 20 RPT 20 BELL MODEL 212 HELICOPTERS TO
ALBERTO MARIA BRAVO AND FILHOS. ULTIMATE CONSIGNEE
CONTINUES TO BE THE PORTUGUESE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS.

2. WHILE THIS REQUEST IS CONSIDERABLY SMALLER THAN THE
ONE SUBMITTED ORIGINALLY (20 HELICOPTERS INSTEAD OF 100-
150), WE STILL SUSPECT THAT THESE AIRCRAFT ARE INTENDED
AS REPLACEMENT FOR ALOUETTES PRESENTLY USED BY THE
PORTUGUESE AIR FORCE IN AFRICA. DESPITE THIS SUSPICION,
IT IS AT LEAST PLAUSIBLE THAT 20 BELL HELICOPTERS COULD
BE USED BY THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS FOR LEGITIMATE
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NON-MILITARY PURPOSES IN THE METROPOLE, PORTUGUESE AFRICA

OR BOTH.

3. IN ORDER TO ASSIST DEPARTMENT IN COMMENTING ON THIS
CASE, WE WOULD APPRECIATE THE EMBASSY'S VIEWS AS TO THE
ULTIMATE USES MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS HAS IN MIND FOR
THESE HELICOPTERS. EMBASSY MAY INQUIRE OF MINISTRY
DIRECTLY TO OBTAIN THIS INFORMATION. KISSINGER

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